

The Director of Central Intelligence

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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, Intelligence and Threat Analysis
Center, Building 213, Washington Navy Yard,
Washington, DC

FROM: BG Larry D. Budge, USA
National Intelligence Officer for
General Purpose Forces

SUBJECT: Request for National Intelligence Estimate Support,
NIE 29.1/29.2-87: The Greek-Turkish Military Balance:
Does It Really Exist & Does It Deter War? []

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1. Reference conversation with Dr. Allan Goldman, NATO Branch, ITAC, on 4 August 1987.

2. An Estimate on the Greek-Turkish military balance, as entitled above, is being written under my auspices. The drafter, however, retires 31 August 1987, and will not be able to finish what I believe is a paper containing judgments that should be considered by senior US policymakers in the near term. In the course of searching for an appropriately qualified relief, I learned that in ITAC MAJ Harry Dinella works the Aegean area. After talking with Dr. Goldman, and having met MAJ Dinella, I feel confident this officer's FAO experience and skills could let us complete the subject NIE in an effective and timely fashion.

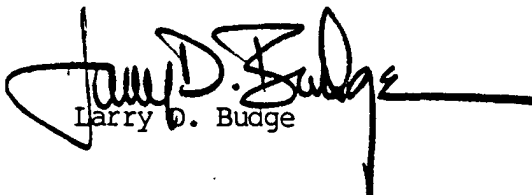
3. The Estimate's Concept Paper and Terms of Reference (attached) have been written, staffed, disseminated and coordinated within the Intelligence Community. A considerable amount of research and writing already has been accomplished; MAJ Dinella's task would be to finish drafting the text. Responsibility for the NIE's administrative processing (typing, staffing, graphics, publication) would remain with my office. I can provide MAJ Dinella adequate work space and all necessary secretarial and other administrative support he might need in order to complete this project. I anticipate that a preliminary draft could be produced by 1 October 1987, and would hope that final coordination, for which MAJ Dinella should be present, could be effected by the end of October. The cumulative requirement for MAJ Dinella's services between now and November should not exceed six weeks.

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4. If the foregoing is satisfactory to you, I would ask that MAJ Dinella make contact through my office with Captain Thomas T. Holme, Jr., U.S. Navy, Assistant National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces, and my manager for this Estimate, so that turnover arrangements can be effected as soon as possible.


Larry D. Budge

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